

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kazuko SHINOZAKI *et al.*

Title: PRODUCTION OF PLANTS HAVING
IMPROVED ROOTING EFFICIENCY AND
VASE LIFE USING STRESS-RESISTANCE
GENE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in an Office Action mailed October 4, 2006, applicants provisionally elect Group I, drawn to a method of producing a transformed plant. **This election is made with traverse.** Further, applicants elect the species corresponding to the rd29A gene promoter and the DREB1A gene.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.